

ESA Celebrates National American Indian Heritage Month

On Wednesday, November 3rd the DCS Tribal Relations Team and ESA State Tribal Relations Office hosted our 11th annual celebration of National American Indian Heritage Month.

Each year we celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month to recognize the significant contributions the First Americans made to the establishment, growth, and culture of the United States. During the event we displayed a continuous slide show of photos taken at many years of partnership events such as Tribal Canoe Journeys and prior Heritage Month events. We hope that celebrations like this will turn into a lifetime of appreciation for a vitally important culture that helped form the country.



Over 70 people and staff attended the Celebration at the Capital View 1 Building in Olympia. Our Program included:

- Angel Peterson's Frybread
- Indian Taco and dessert Luncheon
- Drummers and Dancers from the Wa He Lut Indian School
- Tribal / State Representatives
- American Indian Art Exhibits – Vicki Era-Pankretz and Marie Griswold
- Tribal Informational Resource Table

We want to express our sincere appreciation to those who donated both food and/or cash. Your generosity assured everyone could enjoy a Frybread meal, dessert, drinks, and the Wa He Lut dancers. We are humbled by many heartfelt appreciative comments that confirmed our event was a huge success.

